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SUBJECT: IRAQI PLANS FOR NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS

REF: BEIRUT A-232 OF NOV. 25, 1974

1. INDIAN EMBOFF NARAIN TOLD ME MAY 5 THAT IRAQ'S ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION NOW OPERATES DIRECTLY UNDER RCC VICE CHAIRMAN SADDAM HUSSEIN AND PLANS TO CONSTRUCT AT LEAST TWO NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS. INDIA IS PLAYING ADVISORY ROLE AND HEAD OF INDIA'S ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION SCHEDULED TO VISIT BAGHDAD IN MID-MAY. HIS ASSISTANT, IN CHARGE OF ELECTRICAL POWER GENERATION, VISITED LAST WEEK.

2. NARAIN SAID IT WAS IMMATERIAL WHETHER NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS WERE ECONOMICAL, IRAQI LEADERSHIP HAD DECIDED IT WANTS THEM IN A HURRY. NARAIN SAID IRAQ IS NOW DISCUSSING POSSIBILITY OF TWO STATIONS FOR POWER GENERATION, TO
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BE LOCATED ON THARTHAR LAKE AND RAZAZZA LAKE, WITH FRENCH, CANADIANS AND RUSSIANS. INDIANS HAVE APPARENTLY RECOMMENDED CANADA AS SOURCE. NARAIN SAID IRAQ IS WOEFULLY SHORT OF TRAINED MANPOWER IN THIS FIELD AND WILL BE

WELL INTO THE FUTURE. THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE CAPABILITY
TOANALYZE POSSIBLE RADIOACTIVE MINERALS. THEY RECENTLY
GAVE INDIA SOME SAMPLES OF MONAZITE FOR ANALYSIS, BUT
WITHOUT SAYING WHETHER THEY WERE RANDOM OR SELECTED
SAMPLES AND WHAT SIZE OR LOCATION OF DEPOSITS WERE.

3. NARAIN PROMISED TO KEEP ME INFORMED OF ANY NEW
DEVELOPMENTS.

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